

Senate File 2244 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transfer of the mental health and
2 disability services regions to the department of public
3 health.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — TRANSFER OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

4 1. Beginning July 1, 2018, the director of human services
5 shall work with the director of public health to transfer the
6 duties of the department of human services regarding the mental
7 health and disability services regions to the department of
8 public health effective July 1, 2019.

9 2. Any contract entered into by the department of human
10 services in matters related to the mental health and disability
11 services regions in effect at the conclusion of the fiscal year
12 beginning July 1, 2018, shall continue in full force and effect
13 pending transfer of such contracts to the department of public
14 health.

15 3. Any rule, regulation, form, order, or directive
16 promulgated by the department of human services regarding the
17 mental health and disability services regions in existence at
18 the conclusion of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, shall
19 continue in full force and effect until amended, repealed, or
20 supplemented by affirmative action of the department of public
21 health.

22 4. With regard to updating references and format in the Iowa
23 administrative code in order to correspond to the transferring
24 of the duties related to the mental health and disability
25 services region from the department of human services to
26 the department of public health, the administrative rules
27 coordinator and the administrative rules review committee, in
28 consultation with the administrative code editor, shall jointly
29 develop a schedule for the necessary updating of the Iowa
30 administrative code.

31 5. The director of human services, in cooperation with the
32 director of public health, pursuant to section 2.16, shall
33 prepare draft legislation for submission to the legislative
34 services agency, as necessary, for consideration by the general
35 assembly during the 2019 legislative session, necessary to

1 complete the transfer of its duties related to the mental
2 health and disability services regions to the department of
3 public health effective July 1, 2019.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill provides for the transfer of duties related to the
8 mental health and disability services (MHDS) regions from the
9 department of human services (DHS) to the department of public
10 health (DPH) and directs the director of human services to
11 work with the director of public health to transfer the duties
12 related to MHDS regions effective July 1, 2019. The bill
13 directs DPH to assume the duties related to the MHDS regions.

14 The bill provides that any contract entered into by DHS in
15 relation to MHDS regions in effect at the conclusion of the
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, shall continue in full
17 force and effect pending transfer of such contracts to DPH.
18 Additionally, any rule, regulation, form, order, or directive
19 promulgated by DHS relating to MHDS regions in existence at the
20 conclusion of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, shall
21 continue in full force and effect until amended, repealed, or
22 supplemented by affirmative action of DPH. With regard to
23 updating references and format in the Iowa administrative code
24 in order to correspond to the transferring of duties to DPH,
25 the administrative rules coordinator and the administrative
26 rules review committee, in consultation with the administrative
27 code editor, shall jointly develop a schedule for the necessary
28 updating of the Iowa administrative code. Finally, the
29 director of human services, along with the director of public
30 health and in compliance with Code section 2.16, is required
31 to prepare draft legislation for submission to the legislative
32 services agency, for consideration by the general assembly
33 during the 2019 legislative session, necessary to implement the
34 transition of duties related to MHDS regions to DPH, effective
35 July 1, 2019.